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Non-profit daycare centres face crisis

by Joan Shields

Over 50 per cent of Quebec's non-profit daycare centres have shut down due to lack of funds since last June. Faced with this situation, parents and workers in 71 non-profit daycare centres organized an action base called S.O.S. Garderies, to ensure the survival of existing centres. S.O.S. Garderies has presented a list of demands to the Department of Social Affairs, and is preparing to take militant action if the government continues to act as if "daycare centres are not a priority in Quebec."

In planning its strategies, S.O.S. Garderies examined the socio-economic situation non-profit daycare falls into. What did they find out?

"There's a very high rate of unemployment in Quebec, which insures a large labour reserve for industry. In the past, notably the Second World War, most male workers were in the armed forces, but women were readily available for factory and office work. When women are needed in the work force, the bosses quickly establish daycare centres and other services to help sustain the family," says an S.O.S. statement.

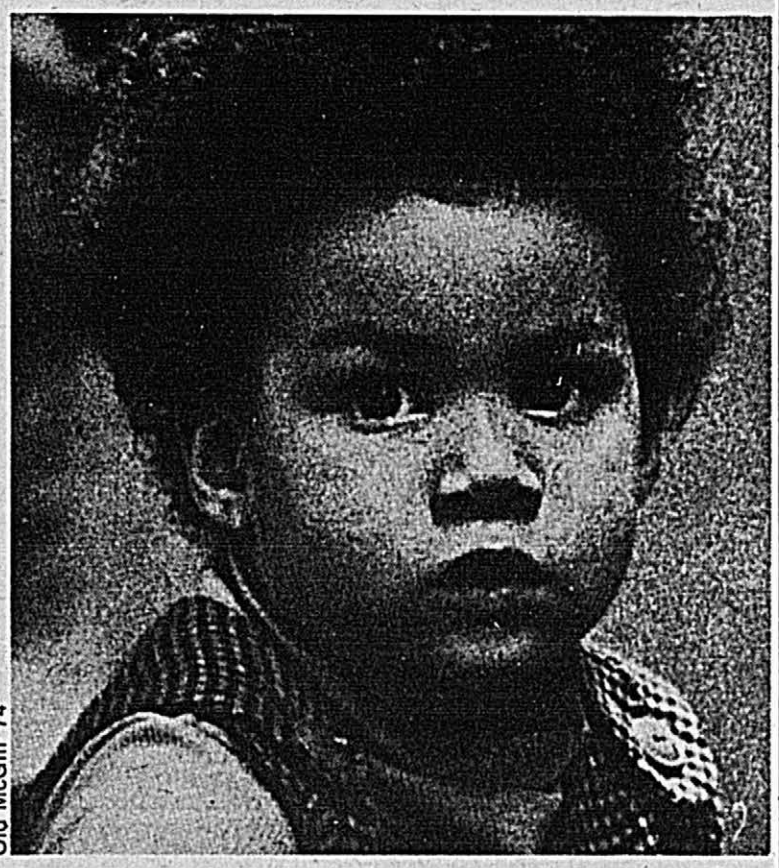
"Now that unemployment is rampant, women workers are no longer needed. In addition, the bosses don't want unemployment figures to rise further, so they refuse to supply daycare centres in order to discourage women who want to work."

A programme introduced in June by Lise Bacon, Minister of Social Affairs, is seen as the culprit for crippling non-profit daycare centres.

In the S.O.S. statement, the Bacon programme is shown to be riddled with inadequacies.

Linda Adcock, a parent and organizer at the St. Urbain daycare centre, points to the figures the government issued when it was planning its subsidies. "Quebec says that it costs $6 a day per child to provide adequate daycare, when in fact it costs $8. Even if parents can get government subsidies, they are usually inadequate, and parents often can't afford to make up the difference."

Most non-profit daycare centres have large deficits, and because of this financial insecurity, it's impossible to hire a sufficient number of qualified personnel on a permanent basis. "Often as much as 50 per cent of the staff is volunteer help, and the people we can afford to pay receive very low wages," says Adcock. "The quality of many centres is becoming a secondary factor because all our energies go into surviving," she added.



Old McGill '74

Do government policies respond to the needs of the Quebec population or to the needs of big business? According to the sliding salary scale the Bacon programme introduced (i.e. one parent earning $4,700 with one child receives $5 a day subsidy, and so on), no aid is given to families in which both parents earn minimum wage. This means that it's often more practical for the woman to stay at home with the children rather than work for minimum wage and pay daycare expenses.

The only people who benefit from day care centres are self-supporting women. It's evidently more feasible for the government to encourage these women to work and subsidize daycare services that it would be to have them receive welfare cheques if they stayed at home. Even in a period of high unemployment there are always cheap labour jobs for which self-supporting women make excellent candidates.

According to Michele Dupuis, an organizer for S.O.S., one of its prime objectives is that it be recognized by the Department of Social Affairs as the negotiating agent of non-profit daycare centres. "We're not like an industry union that can make a dent in the economy and force the government to negotiate. We must direct our efforts into putting political pressure on the government by mobilizing large segments of the population around the question of daycare."

One of the basic demands of S.O.S. is that the government recognize the fact that it costs $40 a week per child for a non-profit daycare centre to operate. Of this $40, the government will automatically supply the daycare centre with a fixed amount, while the second portion of the fee will be jointly assumed by the parent and the Department of Social Affairs, according to a sliding scale proposed by S.O.S. This non-fixed amount should never exceed $25 per week per child.

S.O.S. Garderies is gearing up for March, when the government will propose a daycare scheme that will last until 1976. S.O.S. is busy informing and mobilizing parents and daycare workers over the problems they're facing. The response has been good so far, because people have grown wary of the Department of Social Affairs schemes. As one mother put it: "The government doesn't care about us, it really doesn't care."

An article on McGill's daycare centre will be appearing soon.

Comment

Racism rampant

For the Turks and Italians in Germany, the North Africans in France, the Blacks and Chicanos in the US, and the immigrants and natives in Canada, racist attacks and deportations are the order of the day.

National minorities and immigrants in the West have always received the short end of the stick but lately discrimination has reared its ugly head with renewed vengeance. Canada's deportation of Haitians and the attacks on Black schoolchildren in Boston are but two examples of this upsurge.

Not too long ago Canada and the rest of the developed world welcomed immigrants as sources of cheap labour—domestic, (maids from the Caribbean) agricultural (fruit pickers), and industrial (Colombian textile workers). But now the government has decided that "immigrants from Asian and Caribbean countries carry the potential for conflict."

Canada's not the only Western country to arrive at this conclusion. Switzerland recently tried to legislate the deportation of its massive immigrant population; Germany is stopping train loads of prospective workers at its border; the US is ferreting out its Haitians just like its friend to the North.

Why the change in policy? It seems that governments of developed countries have to blame their degenerating economies on somebody, and those on the lowest rung of society have proved, as always, to be the best candidates.

Thus, the Green Paper presented to the Commons by Immigration Minister Robert Andras, argued that the problems of Canada's cities are due to "increased immigration pressures."

The same logic underlies the attacks against busing Black schoolchildren to white schools in Boston. The white parents are led to believe that Blacks are the cause of the degeneration of white schools in working class districts.

In both cases the effects of the racism are the same—unemployed, Canadians squeezed into substandard housing and poor American whites are both led to feel threatened by people even more oppressed than they are. Instead of seeking the real culprit of overcrowded cities and schools, they wreak their vengeance on fellow sufferers. While the lower classes are flailing away at each other, the government and big business thump each other on the back and enjoy the last laugh, on the people.

Wherever racism is to be found, it is something visited upon an oppressed group of people by those on top. Thus, the Anglophones perpetuate racist policies on the Quebecois, the Zionists on the Palestinians, the white South Africans on the Blacks, the Americans on the Vietnamese, the Australians on the Aborigines—the list is endless.

This much can be said with certainty. Underlying racism is exploitation. When the second is solved, the first will die a natural death.

Bonnie Price

From our readers

Racism analysed

In the autumn of 1974, 1500 Haitian workers were threatened with deportation from Canada. Since then, many have been deported or have gone underground to escape from the Immigration Department and the RCMP. In Richmond B.C., a suburb of Vancouver, repeated attacks by white gangs forced a Sikh family to move out of a newly purchased home. Last month, 39 Colombian textile workers from Louisville, Quebec were laid off by Associated Textiles Ltd., and told that they would be deported at the end of January. Widespread protest has succeeded in delaying the deportation until the end of February. Why is it that black and Latin residents in Canada are facing a growing discrimination and legal harassment in the mid 1970's?

Immigrants as scapegoats

The International Committee against Racism (INCAR) believes that racism originates in society's institutions and in the elite that effectively controls those institutions. By dividing us on racial and ethnic lines, an all-pervasive racism leaves us crippled in the daily battle for better living and working conditions.

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This week:

Racism

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The media today is alive with the great "debate" on immigration policy in Canada. Robert Andras, Minister of Manpower and Immigration, informs us that the present immigration trend creates a strain on facilities in Canada's three largest cities, Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver. Too many immigrants is the problem? Andras ignores or covers up the slowdown in housing starts, the inadequate transportation system, and the cutbacks in medical services. Jean Bienvenue, Quebec's minister of immigration, echoes Enoch Powell in his well publicized claim that Quebec cannot become a multi-racial society because of the racial tensions which might arise.

At McGill, some professors give a favourable view to the racist ideas of psychologist Arthur Jensen, who explains the position of blacks in America by their inferior genetic make-up. Concordia University has recently decided to put a 15 per cent quota on foreign student admissions because, in the words of a senior admnistrator, foreign students create tensions in classes and take positions from Canadian students. How would he explain why many university departments are starving for students?

Few profit from racism

Who should we count among the victims of racism? Subsequent to the ghetto rebellions of the past decade, the Johnson administration produced the Kerner Commission Report, which informed us that white racism was the cause of the problems of black Americans. At this time, many of us began to pose the following question: what does the average white person gain from racism? Job insecurity, low pay, poor schools and inadequate care plague working people of all racial and ethnic groupings. History tells us that racism is an attack on the rank-and-file of every colour. In the American South, racism has historically been somewhat more acute than in the North. A white worker in the South correspondingly makes lower wages than his counterpart in the North, mainly because he has been unable to unite with his fellow black workers in the battle for higher wages.

A vicious racism was the main tool used by the Nazis and the German rulers in gaining dictatorial power in Germany. It is obvious that non-Jews in Germany and elsewhere did not benefit from anti-Semitism. The victory of racism in Germany led to the death of six million Jews, five million Germans, twenty million Russians and millions of others around the world.

Today, in Canada, racism is being spurred on by the Liberal Government, which is trying to convince Canadians that we must "decide" on a new immigration policy. Public officials premise this "debate" on the unquestioned assumption that immigrants in some way

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Israel on Capitol Hill

[THE MAKING OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST]

Tues. Feb. 11, 8:00 p.m. Leacock 26

McGill Committee for Social Justice in the Middle East

JEWISH FREE UNIVERSITY

Introductory Hebrew Monday 7:30 p.m. (begins Feb. 3)
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Registration at first class; more information 845-9171.

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Advanced Thursday 8:00 p.m.

at: Vanier Snowdon Campus, 5160 Decarie, 2nd floor.

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LARA, the suspense is killing me. Please come say hello. Paul.

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The deadline for the Quebec Graduate Fellowship competition has been extended to FEBRUARY 19th. Application forms are available at the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, 3rd Floor, Dawson Hall.

From our readers

The face of racism

What is the quality of this thing we call racism?
Is it here, is it now, where does it lie?
Is it as integral of nature as are the colours of light shone through a prism?
Can it be reason for the tears that angels cry?
Racism is the poison that destroys the brotherhood of man.
Needing less than one would imagine to nourish and to grow.
But we can not call forth a universal ban?
Can we not make a friend from a less than imaginary foe?
For racism is the fire that feeds the Nazi furnace,
The curse that enslaves a multitude.
It hates the black, the white or any face
It stones the child who's called the Jude (Jew).
Yet are we not all mortals who yearn for peace in a fleeting life?
Pilgrims equal in our quest for purpose, joy and love
Racism is the hate of a cutting knife
A cold stone thrust upon the innocent dove.
Its origins are prejudice, perhaps something innate
But would cease to grow if understanding and trust lead the way.
Let us join hands and alter our fate
To build the links bridging humanity in harmony, some day.

Jeffrey Chernoff

What's What

LINGUISTICS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Samuel Keyser of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, will speak on "Some recent developments in the theory of metrics." Tuesday, Feb. 11, 3 pm, Leacock 116.

McGILL JUDO CLUB
Quebec inter-university judo tournament at University of Montreal, Saturday March 8, 11 am. Only regular members will be eligible.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES
All are welcome at the annual Religious Studies free pancake lunch following short chapel service, Tuesday, 11 at 12 noon, William and Henry Birks Building.

CARIBBEAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Horace Campbell speaks on his year in Unganda, Tuesday Feb. 11, 7:30 in Union B26-27.

SIMS-McGILL
Students' International Meditation Society will be presenting two daytime introductory lectures this week, Tuesday and Wednesday in Leacock 116 at 1 pm.

SOCIOLOGY STUDENTS
Meeting to discuss issues for the representatives to present to the Sociology Undergraduate Committee, Wednesday, 1 pm in Leacock 637.

McGILL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Prayer meeting every morning in Union 123, everyone welcome.

PLAYERS' CLUB ET l'A.E.F.U.N.
"La Visite au Musee," Sandwich Theatre, au troisieme etage de "l'Union Centre." Panorama du theatre Quebecois. Mardi, 11 fevrier et Mercredi, 12 fevrier a 12:00 h. Vendredi, 14 fevrier a 8:00 h.

McGILL OUTING CLUB
Open meeting. Film on X-country skiing. Tonight, Union ballroom at 7:30 pm.

L'ASSOCIATION DES ETUDIANTS FRANCOPHONES
Samedi 15 fevrier, soiree et danse a la cidrerie CPQ, renseignement a notre nouveau Local 003, au centre des etudes Canadiennes francaises, 3475 Peel: de 12:00 h. a 2:00 h. chaque jour de la semaine. Notre journal est disponible au meme local.

McGILL FOR FARMWORKERS
Meeting today, 5-7 pm, in Union 307.

INTRAMURAL DEBATE
Test your debating skill Saturday morning, Feb. 15, at McGill's second intramural tournament, to be held in Leacock building. Sign up today. For details, contact Debating Union.

NEIGHBOURHOOD FILM CLUB
The Neighbourhood Film Club offers a regular program of films and discussions every Saturday and Sunday night at the St. Urbain Community Centre, 3553 St. Urbain at 7:30 pm. Membership costs one dollar per year plus fifty cents per showing. This weekend we're showing "Salt of the Earth" and "Work and Loose Bolts." Drop in and join us.

WINTER CARNIVAL
Join in Carnival happenings—sign up for the spaghetti-eating contest, car rally, sports events, ski trip. Prizes for all events. Union B24.

ITALIAN STUDENTS' SOCIETY OF McGILL
General meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 4 pm in Union 327.

WORKERS' SUPPORT COMMITTEE
Jack Scott, author of "Sweat and Struggle," will be speaking on the History of the Canadian Working Class. Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 8 pm in Union 307.

WORKERS' SUPPORT COMMITTEE
Regular meeting Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 6 pm in WSC office, Union B41.

McGILL WOMEN'S UNION
Any female graphic artists interested in designing posters to publicize events sponsored by the McGill Women's Union, please call 392-8920 Monday to Friday between 11 and 4, or leave a message in the Women's Union box at the Students' Society office, first floor of the Union building.

Today

WAA:
Intramural Swim Marathon in its second and last week. Keep it up.
Alpha Gamma Delta:
Why not? Come for coffee Feb. 10 and 11, 3-5 pm. All women welcome. 3563 University St., Apt. 10.
Kappa Alpha Theta Women's Fraternity:
Studying at the library? Desert it for dessert at 7 pm. Join us at 546 Milton, Apt. 2, (288-6542).
Gamma Phi Beta Women's Fraternity:
Join us for lunch and take a break from eating in the Union. 12-2 pm, 475 Prince Arthur.
Ski Trip:
Mid-term holiday—Friday, February 21 to Owl's Head: cost $7.50 (bus and tow). Sign up in Union B24.
Winter Carnival:
Join in the Spaghetti Eating Contest at the Spaghetti Warehouse. Sign up in Union B24.
Blood Drive:
Engineering Blood Drive starts tomorrow and runs for only 2 days. Come and give a pint.
State and Repression in India:
Hari Sharma, of South Asian Committee of Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars will discuss political prisoners in India. 8 pm, Leacock 26.

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cause problems.

Andras explains, for example, that immigration must be controlled in order to save jobs for Canadians. Immigrants, many of whom are black, are apparently stealing jobs from Canadians. Andras sheds only crocodile tears for unemployed workers. High unemployment is caused by disastrous economic policies of the bankers and industrialists who control our economy—policies which make working people absorb the losses in a failing economy. The very unity required in the fight for better working and living conditions is threatened by the racist lie that immigrants cause unemployment and social dislocation.

Policy endangers all Canadians

Pierre Trudeau has explained that the future immigration policy will contain a proviso by which workers from the Caribbean and South America will be encouraged to come here to work on limited contracts to "do those jobs that Canadians won't do." Such a policy would be an intensification of Canada's historically racist practice of importing black and Mediterranean immigrants to do the lowest paying, dirtiest and most dangerous jobs. Needless to say, such a migrant labour system would be hard on the imported workers themselves but it would also be bad for Canadians. There could be created a class of unprotected and grossly underpaid migrant labourers constantly threatened with deportation-if-they tried to fight back. Low wages and poor conditions for a minority drives down wages across the board. But worst of all, the existence of such a policy would foster and advance the divisive idea that Canadians of Northern European origin have some God-given right to work at better jobs than their immigrant brothers. A central CAR position is that everyone living and wishing to work in Canada should be immediately granted landed immigrant status and be protected by all the labour and social welfare legislation won by workers in the past hundred years.

INCAR

INCAR is an international organization dedicated to bringing the fight against racism to the rank-and-file of all races and nationalities. CAR has some 1000 active members in Canada, the United States and Western Europe. The Montreal Chapter of CAR has been involved in the fight of 1500 Haitian workers against deportation. On Friday, January 24, CAR led a picket line of 30 people at the head office of Associated Textiles, the company responsible for the layoff and the threatened deportation of the 39 Colombian textile workers and their families. A mass protest meeting against the Green Paper and the deportation of the Colombian workers will be held at the College de Vieux Montreal, 1439 St. Denis (Metro Berri) Wednesday, February 19 at 8 pm. For more information on this meeting, and on other activities organized by CAR, please phone 276-6871, 272-9150, or 845-5518.

John Philpot
Member of Montreal Chapter of INCAR.

Contributions from our readers are always welcome. Articles should be typed, triple spaced, and include author's name and telephone number. Articles will not be edited for content or length without author's permission.

NEXT WEEK:
Community-action groups

From our readers

by Joseph Battat

Pollution: What shall we do?

Dr. Bohumil Valeski is a professor in the department of Chemical Engineering at McGill. His article "From those who brought you pollution" (Daily, Tuesday Feb. 4) depicts beautifully the mentality I would call "Tell me what's your problem, I will give you the technology to solve it." The article says that: We scientists and engineers have brought pollution to you but now we have, or are in the process of having, new technologies to combat or reduce pollution. What are we waiting for to implement them?

Well, Dr. Valeski I have good and bad news for you.

Let us start with the good news, being the least important now. You, scientists and engineers, did not bring pollution to us. We brought it to ourselves; you contributed to these infamous achievements like everyone else. You gave us the means to produce more, to improve production processes and techniques, and to pollute more. However, we decided to use your—our—technology and implement it. By "we" I mean those who have both the political and economic power to do so.

Now, dear oh dear! the bad news. Again and again, a number of people think that the solution to our problems lies in technology. This is what the Western world thought in the last century and a half. Results: pollution (among other things). Who knows what would be the "externalities" if again, within the same economic and political structures, we use primarily a "technology approach" to solve our problems?

Dr. Valeski makes the chemical engineers say: "Let us stop talking and politicking and get down to some doing, we are ready with the clean-up technology, as soon as you are..." First a small comment: when you say "as soon as you are," whom do you include in the "you?" The government and those whom it represents, or the industrial corporations, big or small, or the workers and their families who live in polluted Montreal East?

Second, why should you, and perhaps most scientists and engineers, see yourself as technologists only, and not as members of the society, or as social, economic, political and scientific beings? Why do you not implement these anti-pollution technologies? Or, at least, see for yourself if you can do so, and realize for yourself where the power lies in the "you" and what is the source of the problem?

Finally, you say "Let us stop talking and politicking and get down to some doing..." Okay, let us stop talking and politicking. Let us get out of our laboratories and go for a stroll in a park in the Laurentians or the Eastern Townships, and let us start **thinking** and ask ourselves a few simple questions:

Why are cars designed with such an unnecessarily low gas mileage, not helping pollution a single bit, and despite the fact that we have possessed, for such a long time, the technologies for a much higher gas mileage?

Why again are cars designed for such a short lifetime, when "car graveyards" are a common sight nowadays, when we are perfectly aware of the pollution created in manufacturing them, and when technologies for doubling or tripling this lifetime has been available since a long time ago?

"Syncrude's coke burner complex and its sulphur plant will pour 287 long tons of sulphur dioxide into the atmosphere each stream day... This sulphur discharge could be reduced to as little as 40 long tons per stream day if the company would employ what federal officials call 'the best practicable' pollution abatement equipment. Syncrude refuses to do so on economic grounds despite its 'Environmental Policy Statement'—printed proudly in one of its publicity brochures—in which it proclaims its commitment to the use of the best practicable technology..." (Daily, Thursday Feb. 7). Why is this so?

Are some of the answers to the above and other similar questions: "It is not economically feasible." Feasible! Feasible to whom?

Well Dr. Valeski, now that we had our stroll in the park, what shall we all do? Shall we just "get down to some doing" or shall we start "talking and politicking?"

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LAST WEEK

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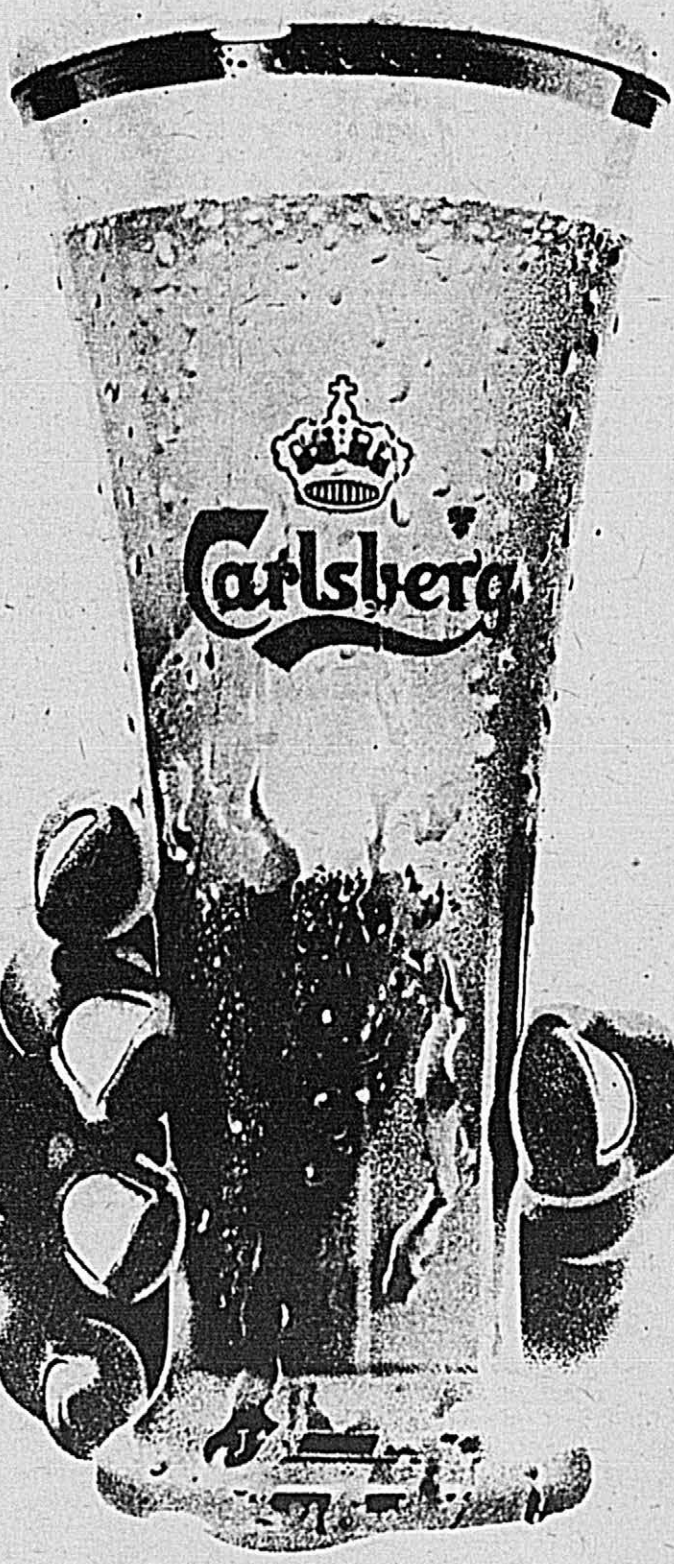

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And Carlsberg is sold at regular prices.
So let's hear it, Carlsberg lovers. "One, two, three . . . Cheers!"

McGILL WINTER CARNIVAL '75

Hi readers...

The advertisement that was to appear in this space started off: "Hi sexy...think you're good looking?"

McGill Winter Carnival '75 is holding a beauty contest and wants to get around charges of sexism by advertising for "devastating dudes" as well as "beautiful women." This doesn't change the fact that beauty contests always bring to mind women in bathing suits parading in front of male judges like cattle at an auction.

Beauty contests dehumanize and exploit women, and represent a degrading approach to all people: boycott the Winter Carnival Beauty Contest.

The Editors